

## AMENDMENTS

### **In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 9 starting on line 14 with the following:

The extracellular domains of transmembrane proteins are diverse; however, conserved motifs are found repeatedly among various extraceullular domains. Conserved structure and/or functions have been ascribed to different extracellular motifs. For example, cytokine receptors are characterized by a cluster of cysteines and a WSXWS (W-tryptophan, S-serine, X=any amino acid) (SEQ ID NO:61) motif. Immunoglobulin-like domains are highly conserved. Mucin-like domains may be involved in cell adhesion and leucine-rich repeats participate in protein-protein interactions.